



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
**GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION**

**Donate Life Month**

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 110,000 Americans and more than 4,600 New Englanders who are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over one million life-enhancing tissue transplants each year that are made possible by the generous donation of corneas, bone, skin or other tissue; and


**WHEREAS**, we can all help to save someone's life and benefit up to 50 recipients by signing up to become an organ and tissue donor by enrolling in the Rhode Island Donor Registry when we apply for, or renew, our drivers licenses or by registering on-line at [www.donatelifenewengland.org](http://www.donatelifenewengland.org); and

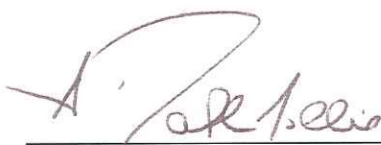
**WHEREAS**, this observance pays tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families whose decision to Donate Life enables others to receive life-saving organs and tissues for transplant; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim April, 2012 as Donate Life Month in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all of its residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State